the Madras Council Rules for the holding of elections, according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 1 p.m. to-morrow (1st August 1946) as the time within which nomination of candidates for election to the House Committee should reach the Secretary.

"If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of vacancies, namely, six, there will be an election between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 6th August 1946."

(ii) Election of one Member to the Advisory Committee of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTHAVATSALAM :—" Mr. President, I move—

" '*that with reference to G.O. No. 55, Railway, dated 10th December 1923, and rule 3 of the existing rules relating to the Local Advisory Committee of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, this Council do recommend to Government to communicate to the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, the name of one person elected by this Council to serve on their Railway Advisory Committee for the remaining period of two years ending with 31st March 1948.*' "

Dr. Sir A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, Mr. President, whether the Hon. Minister has considered the position arising out of the altered situation of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway? That railway is now a Government concern. Will he be pleased to consider the need for suitably modifying the motion so as to suit the present situation? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTHAVATSALAM :—" I will consider the question and take action suitably."

The motion, duly seconded, was put and carried.

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce that the following procedure shall be adopted for conducting the election. The Hon. Members will please had in nominations to the Secretary before 2 p.m. to-morrow (1st August 1946). If the number of candidates nominated exceeds one, an election will be held between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 7th August 1946. The election will be by the ordinary method and not according to the method of single transferable vote."

VI.—PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House that, under rule 9 of the Madras Council Rules, I have nominated the following three members to be the Panel of Chairmen for the fifth session of the Council in addition to Sri K. Natarajan, whose nomination as such was announced to the House on the 29th May 1946 :—

(1) Diwan Bahadur Dr. Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar.
(2) Sri N. Ranga Reddi.
(3) K. T. M. Ahmed Ibrahim Sahib Bahadur."